



STUDENT GOVERNMENT TAKES ON NEW LOOK



Student Government President

"Good things come in small packages," and this adage proves its point regarding our new Student Government Council President. What George lacks in stature, he more than makes up in school activities. Wherever there is work to be done, you can rest assured that George can be found hustling about. Whenever anyone is having difficulty, for a school dance, or is in need of advice, you can always hear the cry, "Where's George?" However, all these activities do not affect his school work, as he maintains an A average in his subjects. Of course you know that I am referring to none other than T.C.'s most ambitious student, husband and proud new father, George B. James.

His brilliant career did not start at Fitchburg, but began when he was in the service. As M/Sgt., he was in the Far East Command in World War II and was recalled to active duty in 1950 for the Korean conflict. During this command as platoon leader and 1st Sgt., he received a Presidential Citation for gallantry in action in Pungchon, Korea. He also received two silver stars for gallantry on May 18, and Oct. 16, 1951, a bronze star for meritorious achievement, Dec. 2, 1951, and the Purple Heart for hand grenade wounds, July 29, 1951. He was relieved from active duty on Dec. 26, 1951.

George is a commuter from Methuen, Mass. He was born in Haverhill and graduated from Haverhill High School in 1946. After returning from World War II, he entered Wentworth Institute, graduating in 1950. He worked in Lynn, Mass. at the General Electric Plant as a draftsman and graduated from the Drafting Mechanical and Materials Course in May, 1950. In June 1955, George married the former Ann Arcifa and on August 30, 1956 he became the

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DIG THAT CRAZY HOLE

Nothing looks quite as homely as a hole in the ground. Yet at F.T.C. it is the brightest ray of hope which has appeared on campus in many a year. At last, a dream in the making is coming true. The new gym is going up!

That homely looking hole in the ground represents years of hard work and untiring effort on the part of many people. For over forty years that hole on campus has been planned, mapped, and charted, but never dug. Finally, over forty years later, the ground has been parted, and soon our new gym will materialize. Each brick, board and block is representative of year's of sweat, perseverance, and faith.

Yes, faith in a goal has been the dominant factor in the life of this dream. In fact, some of the parents of present day students expected to see a new gym even before THEIR graduation day. However, as we well know, plans were always delayed and the gym merely remained a dream.

Many times plans were started and just as many times they were stopped. One problem after another arose but the dream lived on. There were many reasons for the delay in building such as questions concerning details of plans, increased building costs and lack of concentrated effort by large numbers of alumni, to mention only a few.

Despite these obstacles, the dream did not die as it well could have. Instead there were devoted people like Senator Elizabeth A. Stanton, Class of '30" still around. Hundreds of alumni, in league with Elizabeth Stanton, made it their business to impress legislators with necessity of im-

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Professors interviewed in "Meet the Faculty" are (l. to r.): Dr. Dean, "Pop" Harrington, Mr. Kent and Mr. Harrod

MEET THE FACULTY

Perhaps one of the more familiar faculty members seen on campus is Dr. Veva Dean, a woman highly respected for her superior teaching ability, and admired for her close interest in her students.

This new school year 1956-1957 will find great changes within our student body. The old term "Co-op", which identifies with chain stores, farming equipment and such, has been changed to — THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT. However, this is not a mere title change, this new name will enable the Student Government Council to sponsor and plan new and varied projects. Perhaps the foremost aim of the new Student Government Council is to incite 100% student participation in all-school activities.

ORIENTATION WEEK-END

Amid the chatter and confusion of Orientation Week-end, the Class of 1960 arrived on Campus. "Get acquainted" coffee hours were sponsored by the dormitory and commuting associations. At these informal gatherings the Freshmen had a chance to meet and chat with some of their classmates as well as some of the upperclassmen. In the afternoon, everyone took part in some old-fashion square dancing on the front lawn. This activity was sponsored by the Men and Women's Athletic Associations.

At night an informal dance was held in the gymnasium. The Freshmen showed fine school spirit by really taking part in the dancing and fun.

Because of the splendid work done by the faculty and the upperclassmen and because of the fine way the Freshmen Class responded to the activities, Orientation Week-end, with its meetings and social activities, was a huge success.

JUST WHAT IS THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT?

Perhaps, this question has perplexed many students at our college. All undergraduate students of Fitch-

burg Teachers College, are members of the organization upon payment of their dues. This association was instituted to coordinate and consolidate the student's extra-curricular activity program.

The purposes of the Association are to supervise all matters pertaining to student life which do not come within the jurisdiction of the faculty, to further in every way the spirit of unity, cooperation and loyalty among the students of our college; to increase their sense of responsibility toward one another; and to be a medium through which the social and cultural standards of our college may be maintained on a high plane.

The legislative body of the Association is the Student Government Council composed of four officers and eight representatives, a man and a woman from each of the four classes.

This council is the organ through which college affairs, within the jurisdiction of the students, are discussed and regulations proposed.

WHO IS ON THE COUNCIL?

We have as the Four Officers:

President: George B. James, senior I.A. student.

Vice-President: Jean Flicop, Junior Special Ed. Student.

Secretary: Katherine Flynn, Senior Special E. Student.

Treasurer: Gil Tremblay, Senior Junior High Ed. Student.

The Representatives to the Student Government Council are as follows:

Senior Representatives: Peggy Nagle Elem. Ed. and Dave Crowley, I.A.

Junior Representatives: Teena Kimball, El. Ed. and Howard Marchie I.A.

Sophomore Representatives: Barbara Benham, El. Ed. and Rolly Rochon I.A.

The Freshmen representatives are yet to be elected by their peers.

WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR \$18.00?

It is sometimes amazing to realize where our money goes. Perhaps, listing the various functions and organizations to which the Student Government allots funds will give you a brief view of where the dollars fly.

- 1 The Men's Athletic Association
- 2 The Women's Athletic Association
- 3 The Commuting Men and Commu-

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EDITORIAL

FRESHMAN FORWARDED IS FORWARDED . . .

A few weeks ago you occupied the hot seat as college freshmen. During this short span you have cultivated new interests, gained new friends, and embarked on an entirely new career. You have felt the hand of change from secondary to higher education, it seems a long, long, time 'till that last day of school rolls around, four years from now, but somehow all at once you are there. We hope, but not with too much confidence, that at that time the old saying, "if I only knew then what I know now," will not be heard.

All look to you with a great deal of optimism and perhaps envy. For it is your good fortune to have gotten in on the ground floor of a new Fitchburg Teachers College. Yes, new, a new athletic plant, and dormitory are actually becoming realities. And perhaps even more important than all this, is what you might call a "New Deal" administration. An administration which seems to have set their sights on bringing Fitchburg Teachers College squarely on line with the best of the teachers colleges.

Whether or not you are a part of all this is up to you.

While some things change, others remain the same. As in every college its the ol' books you have to hit first. If anyone says different check and see if they are around come June. The ingredients which go into making a successful four years are a little more than the books. Our college has a fine thing in the many different organizations on campus. All of these invite you to step in and take part in their activities.

These are not something out of fairyland's top drawer, but a few facts which we hope will serve to make your stay here pleasanter and more profitable.

Bruce Grealey

Faculty Continued

She came to Fitchburg in 1939 and served as supervisor of geography in the Junior High School, located on campus, until 1943. Following this teaching experience, she returned to Clark University for her P.H.D. in geography.

Besides having taught in North Dakota, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts, Dr. Dean has traveled during her summers throughout the United States, Western Europe, Mexico, Canada, and Scandinavia. She has also had one summer of study in Uppsala, Sweden.

These traveling experiences have provided an unending source of enjoyment for Dr. Dean, and have made her already fascinating courses even more vivid. Such a teacher is an asset to any school.

In order to acquaint many students with the I.A. faculty members we would like to introduce Mr. Walter Harrod who works and teaches in

the woodshop. I.A. students are familiar with him as are the Junior Elementary girls in Methods and Special Education students.

Mr. Harrod can be identified by his red hair and pleasant manner. According to I.A. boys his favorite saying is "no whistling." He was a student at TC and earned his degrees here. While in school he was a crack centerfielder in baseball.

Before coming here as an instructor, Mr. Harrod was in the Navy where he was an aviation Metal-smith. Following his tour of duty, he taught at Dracut High School and the Junior High School on Campus until he obtained a teaching position in the I.A. building.

Mr. Harrod, a single man, resides in Harvard, Massachusetts and commutes daily.

His hobbies of making reproductions of period furniture and collecting rare old coins are interesting and

take up a good deal of his relaxing hours.

Mr. Arthur Harrington, or "Pop" as he is affectionately called by his friends, began his formal education in a small Maine town. From there he went to Boston University where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree. Graduate work yielded his Masters Degree. While still a young man, he attended Clark University to further his studies in education.

He served two years in the Army during World War I, where he was Commander of Recruits and Mess Officer.

"Pop" came to T.C. in 1919 and since then has been teaching Social Studies. It was in the early 20's that he became the first campus sponsor of the Mohawk Club.

He has three children and claims to be a "professional grandfather." He is very proud of his eight grandchildren. Students feel they are a part of "Pop's" family because of his concern and the undying interest he displays in them.

"Pop" now lives in Ashburnham where he moved two years ago. He formerly came from Leominster and Fitchburg.

Hobbies which occupy "Pop's" spare time include a collection of old books, stamps, and an interest in rough carpentry.

Those who know Mr. Harrington are fortunate in having a life long friend and advisor.

Wherever music is heard on T.C. campus, there one will find Mr. Richard Kent, definitely another outstanding faculty member here at Fitchburg.

Mr. Kent, a resident of Leominster, has had quite a life history, including considerable flying experiences in World War II. During this war he also taught as a flying instructor at Williams Field in Arizona. His present hobbies consist of golf and a private record collection. His busiest pastime, however, is his small son, Mike, an avid baseball fan.

Mr. Kent studied at Drake University where he received his B.M.E. Degree. The New England Conservatory of Music was his next educational sojourn, and here he attained his Masters Degree in Music in 1947. He also spent many hours of study at Harvard University.

Before coming to Fitchburg, Mr. Kent taught music at a regional school in Larobie, Iowa, for two years. In 1947 he came to Fitchburg, where he now serves as Music Director. Throughout his years here, he has led and directed several superior musical productions, including "Trial by Jury" and "The Lowland Sea."

Mr. Kent has exciting plans for his musical groups this year. With his excellent qualities as a teacher and an individual, we are all sure he will continue in his success.

James Continued

proud father of Bernard M. James, who tipped the scales at 9 lbs.

George has been very active in affairs at T.C. Freshman year he was the student representative of the Class of 1958, Sophomore year he was elected President of his class, and this year he has attained the highest privilege and honor, President of the Student Government Association. We predict a bright future for George, and we will do all we can to assist him in his new office.

Student Government Cont.

ting Women's Association

4 Miller Hall and Palmer Hall

5 The Glee Club

6 The Dramatic Club

7 The Kampus Vue

8 All Formals and Dances put on by Student Government

9 Outing Club

Thus, the entire budget of the Student Government Association is \$10,000.00.

WHAT ARE YOUR BENEFITS?

The small yellow card will enable you to attend all the sports, receive your Kampus Vue, admit you to all the school dances, the Carnival Ball, The Winter Carnival Weekend, and will entitle you to join any school club, and other activities too numerous to mention.

You, the reader of this column, are probably wondering, "What is happening NOW?" During this year, we hope to have new basketball uniforms for the team, a coffee shop in the Administration, a Jazz concert, a Stunt night, a Faculty-Student Sports Night and any other suggestions that you, the Student Government members, may have.

We welcome you, the Freshmen and new members, to our membership, expect you to observe our traditions, and look to you for suggestions and assistance in our mutual efforts to promote the coveted "ideal" program.

P.S. You are invited to attend any Student Government Council meetings. The agenda for the meetings will always be posted on the Student Government Bulletin Board.

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mediate construction on our gym and impress they did!

After years of fruitless effort, excavation has begun and the dream is becoming a reality. President Weston sees more than just a hole in the ground. Along with our own Mr. Elliot, Dean Bolger and Miss Conlon, he may look upon this gaping hole and reflect upon the years he has spent to accomplish this end.

However, this project is just the beginning. Mr. Weston and his compatriots have done their job well and they can be proud. Now it is time for us to act. Yes, we the students have our obligations to fill now. Remember, there are still projects like the men's dormitory and a memorial fountain to be considered.

In our next article, we can learn about these new projects, and perhaps some day we will be able to say that we did our job as well as our forerunners.

F.T.C. THROUGH A KEYHOLE

Senior: "What was your first impression of our college? Was it love at first sight?"

Johnny Come Lately (Class of '60): "Yes, it was the first real sight I have ever seen."

Dean: "Are you a dormitory student?"

Rover-'58: "Yes I have a room over looking the rent."

Brunette-'60: Often I notice the girls from Miller Hall wearing cotton gloves. Why is this?"

Procter: "That's because they haven't any kids."

Old Grad: "What do you think of the clubs on campus?"

Elmo-'59: "There should be clubs for women

As well as clubs for males
There should be clubs for women
But only after kindness fails."

Prof.: "You say you are taking a course in Vertebrate Zoology, then tell me how do Porcupines make love?"

A. Student: "Carefully."

Co-ed.: "I hear some of the boys are very talented on the athletic field."

Edna-'57: "Yes they park there every night."

Casanova-'58: "I think you are falling in love with that nurse from 'The Hill'."

Don Juan-'57: "Well, I keep her picture in my watch figuring I'll learn to love her in time."

Chem. Prof.: "Chemically a man's value is about a dollar. But the Chemical value of a woman depends upon what drug store she patronizes."

Blonde-'59: "My boyfriend talks



too loudly when he visits me in the dorm. After all, the walls have ears. What shall I do?"

Dorm Council: "Nothing, don't worry about the walls having ears because the walls are plastered and can't hear straight anyway."

(Any resemblance to persons living or dead is purely coincidental).

W. A. A. PLANS

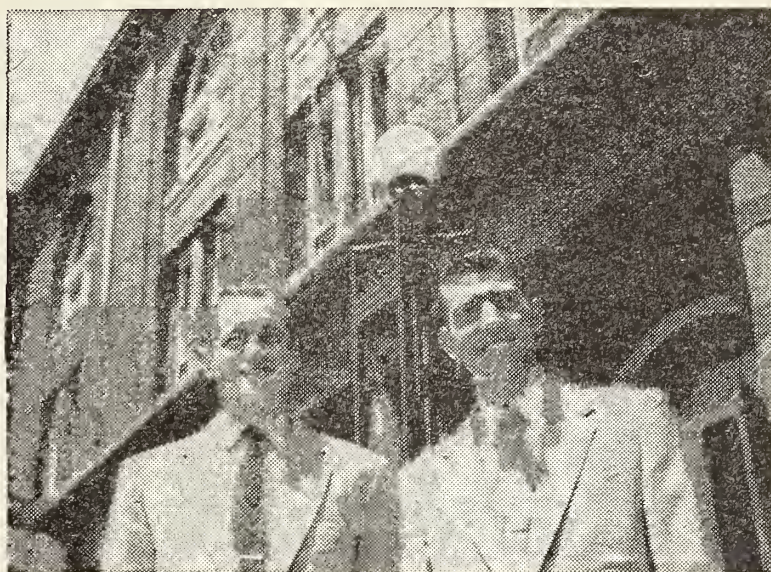
Each year the W.A.A. sponsors a program of varied sports for the women students of the college. The Women's Athletic Board is responsible for all the events that take place. Comprising the board are the officers and heads of sports. For the 1956-57 college year they are as follows: President, Betty Murphy; Vice-President, Edna Lavezzo; Secretary, Lucia Gour; Treasurer, Teena Kimball; Senior Representative, JoAnne Barrett; Green Team Captain, Barbara Gay; White Team Captain, Jean Flcop; field hockey, Alice Desmond; basketball, Jean Anderson and Ann Beaulieu; volleyball, Joanne Marsella; softball, Claire Berube; badminton, Lucia Gour; archery, Gail Canegallo; tennis, Deborah Alden; swimming, Mary Godley; and ping-pong, Priscilla Merritt.

On Tuesday, September 25, the W. A. A. Fall Rally was held. At this rally each freshman student became a member of either the Green Team or the White Team. These are the two athletic teams of the Association and there is much competition between them in all fields of sports throughout the year.

This is now the field hockey season, and before long the basketball season will be quickly upon us. It is not necessary to be tremendous athletes to participate in sports. Sportsmanship is the primary goal of the program.

Awards are presented at the annual banquet. This is the final event of the year for the W.A.A. Of course, the Association would be at a loss

F. T. C. SPORTS



Grealey and Warriner 1956 Soccer Captains

1956 SOCCER SCHEDULE

Friday, September 28 — R.I.C.E.	Tied
Tuesday, October 2 — Bridgewater S.T.C.	Lost
Thursday, October 4 — Salem S.T.C.	Won
Tuesday, October 9 — Bridgewater S.T.C.	Tied
Thursday, October 11 — Clark University	Won
Tuesday, October 16 — Keene S.T.C.	Home
Friday, October 19 — R.I.C.E.	Away
Wednesday, October 24 — Bradford-Durfee	Away
Friday, October 26 — Johnson S.T.C.	Home
Tuesday, October 30 — Keene S.T.C.	Away

*Saturday, November 3, Alumni game starring such former Falcon greats as, Joe Farias "All American," Nelson Rebello, and last years captain Frank Viscardi, along with many others.

without the leadership of its faculty sponsor, Miss Clark. It is she to whom everyone runs if assistance is needed.

The W. A. A. also sponsors field days with other colleges in Massachusetts and once a year an athletic conference takes place at one of the Teachers Colleges. Last year the conference was held at Fitchburg .

MEN'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The M.A.A. board consists of two representatives from each class and are under leadership this year of President Jack Walsh and Secretary-Treasurer Gordon Haggerty.

This year the Men's Athletic Association plans to sponsor various activities. Among these activities are: the annual rope-pull, intramural soccer, basketball, and softball.

Everyone except the varsity players is eligible to play intramural sports if his Student Government dues are paid.

ROPE PULL

The athletic field at Fitchburg State Teachers College was witness to one of the greatest battles of the present school term. On September 20th the freshman fighters were defeated by the sophomore sluggers in the annual rope-pull. The defeat of the freshmen meant that the beanies were worn to the Freshman Recep-

tion Dance held on September 21st.

It was a tremendous and valiant battle with victory hard won. The struggle was greatly aided by the noisy support of loyal members of the contending classes, and several upperclassmen. Fred Lyman acted as anchor man for the Class of '60, with Jim Fitzpatrick holding the honored position for the Class of 59.

FITCHBURG FACES CLARK UNIVERSITY

A 25-man Fitchburg Teachers College soccer squad, promising and eager, take on R.I.C.E. this afternoon at Rhode Island. This is the seventh game of a rugged ten game schedule.

Coach Elliott's Falcons, fortified at many spots by seasoned veterans and boasting many new talented sophomores and freshmen will be shooting to better their five win four loss mark of last season, and for the top spot in the New England Teachers College Athletic Conference.

The Green and White has named seniors Grealey and Warriner as the triggermen for the '56 season. Other veterans returning are: Bachiochi, Cameran, Ekengren, Joensuu, Kilday, Setian, Walsh and Wills.

The boys have been drilling six days a week in order to smooth off the rough spots and get into high gear for the ten game schedule. Let's get behind them!

THE CAMPUS SPA

Men's Societies Take In New Members

We, the members of the Kampus Vue, would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to those men at Fitchburg Teacher's College who have received invitations to be members of the three male clubs the Mohawks, Esoterics and Gaveleers. We wish them all good luck and hope they will wear their distinctive colors proudly.

MOHAWK CLUB

The title "Mohawk" has been synonymous with campus leadership for the past 32 years of college history, both as a closely knit organization and through the active participation of its members in other school organizations and affairs.

Our first big activity was the initiation weekend, an inspirational and social occasion, out of which emerged a loyal club ready to strive for a successful year.

Fun-Nite, an annual festive affair is presented to the school by the Hawks and the Tokes. The evening's entertainment includes a penny sale, variety show and informal dance in the lobby.

The remainder of the year's activities will, as in the past, demonstrate the loyalty, perseverance, courage and dependability of the organization. These are the qualities which have made the club, and will continue to maintain its fine reputation. These activities include: the Gav-Hawk Snow Soccer game, "Toy For Joy," Gav-Hawk dinner-dance and installation banquet.

ESOTERIC SOCIETY

The Esoteric society has accepted 16 new members into its organization. This year they celebrated their tenth anniversary and initiation weekend together. A large number of alumni were present for the gala get-together.

A banquet will be held on October 18th to formally welcome the new members into the fold and formalized ceremonies will be the highlight of the evening.

Plans will be underway soon for the annual show, and a crew will start writing and organizing it. The Esoteric Society will have even more talent present this year than they had in last year's successful how.

Sometime in May the society will have its annual dinner-dance. This is an event that all members look forward to.

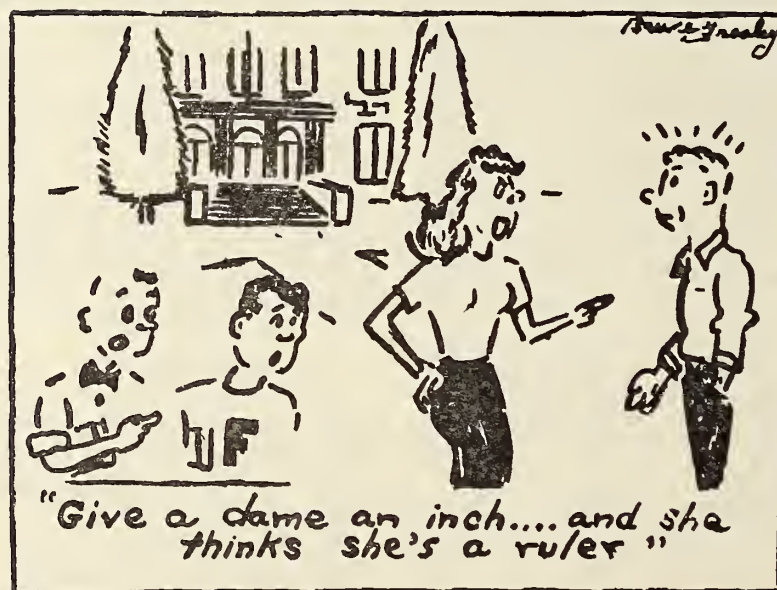
As it has done in the past ten years of its history, the Esoteric Society will strive diligently to help the college in its effort to turn out socialable and industrious graduates.

1957 SAXIFRAGE

The 1957 Saxifrage is on its way! Several meetings with the publisher, George Humphrey of Christopher Yearbooks, Inc. have been held and as all you visitors to Miller Hall can attest, the Senior pictures have been taken by Norman Benrimo. The Seniors who will be working with these two artists are:

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The board will be striving to make this Sax one that they can be proud



of. You may now place your order with any of the salesmen who are always around with their receipt books in their hand. We are sure that you will be proud of it also.

CAMPUS CHAT

We wish to welcome back all our old friends, and say hi to the many newcomers. We hope everyone had a nice summer—minus books and lessons.

Construction is now underway for the new gym—an event long awaited for—hurrah!

These two favorite sayings can be heard all 'round campus' from the new sophs—"I feel so old" and "Freshman!"

We hear that the cheerleaders have some brand new ideas for the year—better than ever. The afternoon soccer games will give everyone an opportunity to see both them and our 'winning team' in action—everyone is invited.

The sophs. nurses had a rugged summer—a real short vacation and very little sleep. All came through flying colors—are they ever proud—and we might add, none the worse for wear.

This is the record year for freshmen—more than ever before—no freshmen in Palmer Hall—all the easier on them during initiation. Freshmen—let us see some school spirit—the clubs on campus are for your benefit—join up!

Campus Spa not frequented after supper—reason why—freshmen hazing. Familiar sayings: "Put that beanie on!"—"Where is your name tag, Freshman?"

Three big reasons why some girls were not acting quite normal—Philo—Toke—Adelph. Speaking of clubs—the boys initiations were not too easy.

The operetta will be the big production this year—we hear that they are looking for Mario!

The soph. class is in full swing, planning and making decorations for the Halloween Dance—we are sure it will be a success, and a great time for all—see you there.

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FRESHMEN INITIATION

While visiting in a city called Fitchburg a few weeks ago, I suddenly realized that I couldn't expect my charming hostess to be attentive to my needs every moment. So I decided to relieve her of her burden momentarily and go for a stroll.

It was a lovely afternoon and my aching feet were just getting the message through to me that I had walked quite a distance, all up hill I might add, when I noticed a rather curious spectacle. At least fifty girls were congregated on the corner of the street near a place called the "Campus Spa." This fact was not too unusual, I suppose, being across the street from a college (F.S.T.C.), but what caught my eye was the fact that each girl wore a green and white cap.

When I asked the girls what the caps were for, they answered almost in unison, "They're beanies, for Freshman initiation of course." I recalled that initiations had been quite a controversial subject of late, so I decided to ask a few of them what they thought of it. Here's, briefly, what I found out:

Rita Bertocchini—scared—but glad
Theresa Gauthier—didn't think it fair at first—getting kicks now
Gabi Keating—more fun than monkies—good for us

Carol Sweetser—very successful in getting us acquainted
Nancy Bartlett—could have been more constructive

Elaine McClure—I've never been through one before—I like it
Dolores Cinedella—thought it was fun towards the end

Some boys appeared on the scene and this is what they had to say—Dick Cross—it was fun trying to avoid upper classmen

Jimmy Hadley—fun here because it inspires spirit

William Johnstone—rather dead
Frank Worthly—a privilege for freshmen—all in good spirit

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